

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199600352**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
Cessna Skyhawk**

04 February 1996

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Occurrence Number: 199600352 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Merimbula, Aerodrome
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Sunday 04 February 1996
Time: 1045 hours **Time Zone** ESuT
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: 172M
Aircraft Registration: VH-WTY **Serial Number:** 17263172
Type of Operation: Instructional Dual
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Merimbula NSW
Departure Time: 1000 ESuT
Destination: Merimbula NSW

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	60.0	790

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The instructor pilot reported that the aircraft was conducting dual training circuits with a student pilot. The student was having problems judging the landing flare and touch-down. On the third circuit the aircraft ballooned in the flare. A wind gust lifted the right wing causing the aircraft to diverge left of the runway. The left wing tip then struck the runway and the aircraft came to a stop.